

I. **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of an area of skin of a human subject transepidermally, comprising the steps of: abrading a portion of stratum corneum, followed by spraying a pressurized liquid onto the area to be treated by means of a spray nozzle, and sucking the sprayed liquid from the skin by means of a conduit in communication with a vacuum pump ~~with an intent to discharge it.~~

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the liquid comprises water or saline.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 2, wherein the liquid comprises at least one additive.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) A method according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the step consisting of spraying a pressurized liquid onto the area to be treated comprises spraying at a pressure between 10 and 25 bar ~~such that there is no risk of breaking the skin in the said area, whilst imposing a maximum pressure for effective penetration of said liquid.~~

Claim 5. (Canceled) ~~A method according to Claim 4, wherein the pressure is between 5 and 70 bar, preferably between 10 and 25 bar.~~

Claim 6. (Canceled)

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~suction~~ sucking step is performed by reducing pressure of a volume surrounding the area of

skin to be treated.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of Claims [[1-5]] 1 to 3 and 7, further comprising the steps of filtering the liquid removed from the sucking step and recycling it.

Claim 9. (Canceled)

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) A device for treating an area of the skin of a human subject transepidermally, comprising a hand piece (5) and a spray nozzle (25) mounted on the said piece (5), characterised by the fact that it comprises means of pressurising a liquid, and at least one conduit (14) disposed by the pressurisation means and the spray nozzle (25) .

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) A device according to Claim 10, characterised by the fact that the pressurisation means comprise a pump (6).

Claim 12. (Withdrawn) A device according to Claim 10, characterised by the fact that the pressurisation means comprise a bag (4) able to receive the said liquid and a chamber (12) able to receive the said bag (4).

Claim 13. (Withdrawn) A device according to any one of Claims 10 to 12, characterised by the fact that it comprises an annular suction chamber (27).

Claim 14. (Withdrawn) A device according to Claim 13, characterised by the fact that it comprises an end piece (30) which can be unscrewed or detached, delimiting the said chamber (27) open towards the outside, and means, for producing a vacuum in the

said chamber (27).

Claim 15. (Withdrawn) A device according any one of Claims 10 to 14, characterised by the fact that it comprises filtration means (21)

Claim 16. (Withdrawn) A hand piece for a device according to any one of claims 10 to 15, characterised in that it comprises control means arranged so as, in the idle position of the said hand piece, to stop the pressurised liquid by contact of the end (32) of a piston (36) on a piece (33) and, in the position of use, to move away the said end (32) of the piece (33), so as to release the liquid in order to supply the spray nozzle (25).